Rail link between Mainaguri and Jogighopa

1488. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the new rail link between Mainaguri to Jogighopa in Assam;

(b) whether the said project would be completed within the scheduled time; and

(c) what is the total budget of the project and amount spent on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Land acquisition, earthwork, bridge work taken up. Overall physical progress is 18.63%. Work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Completion target has not been fixed.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs.894 crore. An Expenditure of Rs. 149.30 crore has been incurred upto 31.03.2007 and an outlay of Rs. 55 crore has been provided for the project during 2007-08.

Logistic parks along freight corridor

1489. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on construction of logistic parks along freight corridor in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have discussed its project with State Governments also; and

(d) the States which are covered under this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As part of study for the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC), RITES have identified setting up of logistic parks along DFC on western and eastern routes. 6 locations on western and 2 locations on eastern corridor were Identified.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Railways had written to State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Bihar in this regard seeking their active support.

High speed train corridor

1490. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing high speed train corridors by Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time this scheme would take for actual implementation?